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MISCELLANEOUS.

I received in London, a note from the Duke of Bedford, which led me, while I was in Bedfordshire, to make a visit to Woburn Abbey.

This is considered one of the most complete estates and establishments in the kingdom and is fully equal to Chatsworth, but quite in another way. Chatsworth is semi-confidential, rather; it is the concernation of everything that European art can do to embellish and render

denial of a great country residence. Woburn Abbey is thoroughly English, that is, it does not manifest beauty so much as grandeur of text and substantial accomplishments. It is the most systematic and thorough administration of the whole. How does this interest me much as the home for exactly three centuries of a family which has adorned its position by the highest virtues, and by an open devotion to the interests of the soul? The present Duke of Rutland has a

The Woburn estate comprises about thirty thousand acres of land, of which thirty thousand acres are in the hands of the Duke. The Duke is not only an enthusiastic agriculturist, but the greatest sportsman in the country. He is a great sportsman, and his sports, both in the field and in the water, are the most perfect of the kind. He is a great sportsman, and his sports, both in the field and in the water, are the most perfect of the kind.

evergreen composed of a belt perhaps  
between four feet broad, sloping down like an  
uplifted cat of foliage from tall Norway spruce  
and pines in the back ground to rich holly  
and Portugal laurels in front. This continues  
perhaps half a mile, and the you leave it and  
wind through an open park, spacious and  
grand—for a couple of miles—till you reach  
the Abbey. This is not a single in an antique  
style, but a group of massive pile in the class

men manner built about the middle of the last century on the site of the old Abbey. There are said this place sacred to me occasionally. English. The first part of the house is peculiarly so. It is built of Portland stone, and is of a massy, block ed look in which gathers about even modern buildings in this damp climate and which no man in America knows nothing of. The purple but pure and bright sky—where the freshness of stone renders unsullied places any length of time.

Woburn. And it is a large palace, and, because it does the accumulated luxuries of scores of refinements and comforts of so old and wealthy a family—with an income of nearly a million of our money—you will be surprised when I say that we know nothing with which to compare it. Indeed, I believe it is considered the most complete house in the land, and that is saying a good deal. When you remember that it is over a 6,000 years

the house in Great Britain, larger than our President's House. To get an idea of its extent, imagine a square area as large as which you usually find a specialty on the side fronting the park, there is likely to impress you—only if the appearance of large area and air of shiny magnificence. Imagine this quadrangular plot, three stories high on the park or entrance front, and two stories high on the garden or rear, and over two hundred feet in length on each side. The drawing shows floor plan and elevation.

ory, is therefore exactly on a level with the  
order and pleasure grounds in the rear and  
a whole of this large floor is occupied with an  
unbroken suite of superb apartments—drawing  
rooms picture galleries, music rooms, library,  
etc.—projecting and receding, and stretching out  
in among the ficke and scenery of the place.  
The group is in the most agreeable manner  
there is a total library of 20,000 volumes.  
The gallery, one hundred and forty feet long, 114

with its black tur—(among other things) a original group of the three graces by Canova) and a sort of wide corridor running all round the quadrangle—filled with cabinets of natural history, works of art &c, and forming the most interesting in door walk in dull weather. Pictures by the great masters, classical portraits, etc; rooms are very nice and among other things I no feed casts in place of all the celebrated animals that were ever known to live.

Now, imagine the Duane continued in the race on end and past the sculpture gallery. Country landscape like a series of buildings, including riding horse, tennis court, etc., quarter of a mile to the stable, which are of themselves larger than most country houses, a league of houses and conservatories almost thousand number connected with the house by covered passages so as to combine the utmost order and beauty. imagine an airy consi-

of a cottage and the grounds about it fenced and filled with birds in a manner of birds of brilliant and beautiful plumage, imagine a large room fitted up in the Chinese style with a partition in the middle and the richest porcelain vessels for milk and butter, imagine a private collection of boxes and trunks work, embossed in papers, which be long especially to the Dutch, and you have a kind of sketchy outline of immediate accessories of Weauf Abbey.

to occupy the place of a little village in  
masonry; but you would gather a idea of  
luxury and comfort they afford did you for  
moment forget that the whole is managed  
in that order and system which are nowhere  
to be found so perfect as in England. I must  
to give you another idea of the establishment.  
That, that a hundred beds are made up daily  
for the family and household alone, exclusive  
of guests. The pleasure grounds, which sur-  
round three sides of the house and through which

peas are as beautiful and complete as you must allow me to dwell upon them. They consist of a series of different ones merging one into the other, so as to use a delightful variety, and covering a series—about which I waited undisturbed a state of delight that I am quite able to say how large they are. I know, however, that they contain a variety of strains, backed by another Doodar Cedar in the

to luxuriant growth—each line upwards of  
feet long. A fine specimen of the latter  
twenty five or thirty feet high, attracted  
attention and there was another, twenty-  
feet, of the beautiful Norfolk Island Pine,  
growing in the open ground, with the shelter  
placed from in winter. These pleasure  
grounds, however, interested me most is that  
one called the American garden—several  
of sloping velvety turf, thickly dotted  
with groups of *Rhododendron* and *Asplenium*.

ing the richest masses of dark green foliage, it is impossible to conceive. In the margins, ferns and Juno, when these are in full bloom, must be a scene of most dazzling brilliancy. I hope that, had all been formed artificially, it consisted of a mixture of peat and sand, in which the Rhododendrons, and, as seemed to thrive admirably,

one species in each bed, and full of dells,  
alls, & pasture flower garden in which a  
g. effect was produced by contrasting  
colored quite black, with such masses  
ing in the vase) of scarlet geraniums,  
near a garden devoted wholly to Williams.

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are illiterate has increased from 750 million to 850 million. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 900 million by the year 2015. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 950 million by the year 2020. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 1 billion by the year 2025. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 1.1 billion by the year 2030. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 1.2 billion by the year 2035. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 1.3 billion by the year 2040. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 1.4 billion by the year 2045. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 1.5 billion by the year 2050. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 1.6 billion by the year 2055. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 1.7 billion by the year 2060. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 1.8 billion by the year 2065. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 1.9 billion by the year 2070. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 2 billion by the year 2075. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 2.1 billion by the year 2080. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 2.2 billion by the year 2085. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 2.3 billion by the year 2090. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 2.4 billion by the year 2095. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 2.5 billion by the year 2100.











